

was the object of the board in adjourning

Governor— I only suppose their time has expired.

Questioner— What do you think of the outlook?

Governor— I don't know what the situation involves now. I have had little talk since the election. The chief responsibility rests upon the canvassers, not upon me. I should like to see the thing settled one way or the other. I have no special desire to be governor in this state, but having been the candidate for that office, I must try to get that capacity whatever it is. One thing I don't understand in the situation here is that there should be such an venomous spirit shown in connection with this campaign. I would like to look upon me as an individual who has committed a crime. I believe the election in this state is a fraud and

The conversation took a wider range and your correspondent soon took his leave. The governor looks more careworn and depressed than I have ever seen him.

A PERILOUS TIME.
Correspondence of the Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—In a recent letter I discussed most of the questions and situations likely to arise from a presidential election so close and of a doubtful issue, that one of the most

political parties of the country would not acquiesce readily in the fairness of the declared result. I did not point out the most dangerous rock which threatened the ship, the complicated system of the electoral college and the count by the two houses. I have placed in Americans' course, because I wished to learn whether the peril were really imminent of their running upon it. There may prove to be abundant sea-room for the ship of state on either side of this rock, but just now as Americans anxiously peer into the mists of the uncertain future, the way

rooks narrow and the rock looms up with terrible menace. This danger is not of a wrangle in congress over the electoral vote, of an effort to hinder the announcement of the result, or of an attempt to resist the inauguration of a president. It is a double inauguration that Americans have to fear, and two presidents, each claiming to be properly installed in office, each backed by a show of legal and constitutional authority—one supported by the senate and the other by the house. How can such a phenomenon arise? Much more easily than many of the constitution-

Let us suppose the doubtful result in Florida and Louisiana to be converted into the returning boards of these states into a republican victory against the protests of the democrats. The electoral colleges assemble, and the result is 185 votes for Hayes and 184 for Tilden. The republicans fortify themselves with evidence sustaining the legality of the action of the boards, and the democrats gather testimony to show that such action was partisan and fraudulent.

ment. Matters drift along until the day fixed for opening and counting the returns in joint convention of the two houses. The democrats then object to counting the votes of those states, and the president of the senate, using his powers as chairman of the joint convention, refuses to consider the objection, orders them to be counted, and announces the election of Hayes. As soon as the convention dissolves, the house passes a resolution declaring that owing to its objection to the counting of the votes of Louisiana and Flori-

and, that no election has taken place, and that it is duty of the house to elect a president. The following clause in the constitution is cited: "The person having the greatest number of votes for president shall be president, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if no person has such majority, then from among the persons having the highest number, not exceeding three, on the list of those voted for as president, the house of representatives shall choose immediately by ballot the president."

acting under this clause, the house elects Samuel J. Tilden. On the 4th of March the republicans inaugurate Rutherford B. Hayes with the customary ceremonies, under the protection of the army, and at the same time the democrats inaugurate Samuel J. Tilden without ceremony, probably at Washington, and by the mere administration of the oath. No formal inauguration is essential to clothe a president with all the powers of his office. The senate has already been summoned to meet in executive session by President Grant.

before his term expired: Tilden calls Congress together in extra session. The Democratic house responds and recognizes him as president. The senate sustains Hayes. Both issue orders to the army and navy; each calls upon the governors of the states to support him as the lawful chief magistrate.

Here are the conditions of a civil war more terrible than the one we have passed through, because it would not be a war of sections but of parties. This horrible specter is not a creation of a heated imagination. The position

the two political parties are now assuming leads logically, if persisted in, to the exact results I have described. The only escape from disastrous consequences would be for the people to refuse to second the politicians, and exclaiming, like Mercutio, "a plague on both your houses!" Insist upon some arrangement that would insure the preservation of the public peace. The right of the house to elect a president under the circumstances detailed would, assenting to the argument of the democrats, be by no means conclusive for their objection to the count-

of the votes of Florida and Louisiana were valid, and these states were thrown out for the reason that their electors were not lawfully appointed. If Mr. Tilden would have a constitutionally elected majority of all the electors appointed by the people and the contingency requiring the house to elect would not exist. Still as the constitution says that the electors shall elect by the house, would be the only means of clothing Mr. Tilden with the semblance of authority, an interpretation could no doubt be squeezed out of the constitution which would justify such an election in the eyes of the people.

It will thus be seen that two courses are open to the democrats if they intend to resist the consummation of the election of Hayes by the votes of the doubtful states: First, for the house to elect Tilden on the assumption that neither candidate has received a majority of the votes of the electors lawfully appointed. If neither party yielded, civil war of the most dreadful description would be the inevitable result of such a proceeding. Second, for the house to absent itself from the court-

The only safe way out of the whole difficulty, and the one evidently intended to be followed by the framers of the constitution, is for congress to ap-

ple a test, but exposure should overtake them on the spot. If this was the motive of the refusal, what was it?—*New York Herald.*

BARBARA.

Barbara is her name, and she is a girl of about sixteen years of age. She is a native of the South, and her father is a planter. She is a very beautiful girl, and her mother is a very kind and gentle woman. She is a very good girl, and she is very much loved by her family. She is a very good girl, and she is very much loved by her family. She is a very good girl, and she is very much loved by her family.

ROUNDABOUT IN GEORGIA.

Reese, of the Macon Telegraph, who was a three pound seed, refused to believe that there will be war, but he has his horse ready to start at a moment's notice. Ham, of the Warrenton Clipper, is a candidate for clerk of the house. Ham doesn't know about clerking, but he is worth knowing. Dr. Henry F. Andrews, of the Washington Post, is an applicant for the position of messenger to bear the electoral vote of Georgia to Washington. General Tombs threatens to start a newspaper. With several hundred copies of a weekly paper, he will be a very powerful man. Mr. Stephens, comparatively speaking, never knew what it was to be on the ground. He is a very good man, and he is very much loved by his family. He is a very good man, and he is very much loved by his family. He is a very good man, and he is very much loved by his family.

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